

MISSION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR NEBRASKA'S STATE INCENTIVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (SICA)

MISSION:

Eliminate or significantly reduce substance abuse in youth ages 12-17 by creating a coordinated state prevention system that assists communities to assess local substance abuse needs and select and implement locally-appropriate, effective, and scientifically-defensible substance abuse prevention policies, practices, and programs.

GOAL: Create an Administrative structure to support SICA activities

Objective: Hire and establish project and contractual staff

Objective: Establish a Cooperative Agreement Advisory Council to be appointed by the Governor to:

- Provide recommendations for administrative policy changes, legislation, and other actions that will advance the state's agenda for the coordinated funding of primary prevention programs for the adolescent population
- Maintain broad oversight of the community-level programs funded through the SICA
- Oversee and advise all aspects of project implementation, including the development of a statewide needs assessment, the Governor's strategic plan (Vision 2010), and the RFA for sub-recipients.

Objective: Establish NePiP Work Groups to actively provide input and guidance for all active SICA programs, policies and practices.

GOAL: Strengthen and expand the state prevention system infrastructure across all levels

Objective: Strengthen and expand the scope, inclusiveness and functioning of the Nebraska prevention system under the leadership of state ATOD agencies that administer state and federal funding for alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) programming in order to consistently and collaboratively address substance abuse prevention needs in an efficient and effective manner.

Objective: Build the capacity of the Regional Prevention Centers and other state, regional and local T/TA providers to provide coordinated needs assessment, policy development, community capacity building, facilitation, and technical assistance services within an integrated and coordinated state ATOD prevention system.

Objective: Provide intensive, statewide training, technical assistance and capacity building to enable and empower communities to identify and address their substance abuse prevention needs on the local level.

Objective: Develop and implement Vision 2010, the Governor's comprehensive substance abuse prevention strategic plan, using state-wide and community needs assessment data collected through the SICA implementation process.

GOAL: Enhance coordination and collaboration of all state agencies that administer alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) funds

Objective: Facilitate the creation of a common community planning process that accurately reflects and comprehensively addresses community needs.

Objective: Collaborate on the creation and implementation of a capacity-building and technical assistance plan which empowers communities at all levels of readiness to utilize common planning processes in order to identify needs, develop strategies to address needs, and secure the funding and other resources needed to achieve desired outcomes.

Objective: Collaborate on the creation and utilization of common data collection and needs assessment systems, to ensure that sound information for designing and selecting effective prevention strategies is available at both the state and local levels. Specifically:

- Identify the extent of the substance abuse problem affecting 12-17 year old youth statewide
- Generate state-level baselines to create targeted outcomes and measure progress
- Develop a comprehensive, ongoing, statewide ATOD evaluation system that monitors progress at the state level and empowers communities to improve programming through the use of local-level data.
- Conduct a systemic study and analysis of prevention funding in order to develop/implement strategies to effectively coordinate, leverage and/or redirect funding streams and resources.

GOAL: Create a system to regrant federal SICA funds of \$2.5 million/year for the next three years to create and/or expand sustainable, collaborative community coalitions to implement effective substance abuse prevention policies, practices and programs to eliminate or substantially reduce substance abuse among youth ages 12-17.

Objective: Develop/implement a systematic approach for allocating SICA funds to subrecipient community coalitions to implement effective substance abuse prevention policies, practices and programs, directing at least 50% of the funding to those which are scientifically-defensible.

Objective: Design/implement an effective process for identifying subrecipient community coalitions that would be eligible to receive SICA funds, specifically:

- Design and implement a plan to work with potential subrecipient community coalitions to enable them to identify and select scientifically-defensible prevention policies, practices and programs.
- Develop strategies to ensure successful implementation and sustainability of SICA funded programs, policies and practices.